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- 1) 2000-083239
- 2) 02-501701
- 3) 05-064172
- 4) 2002-330074

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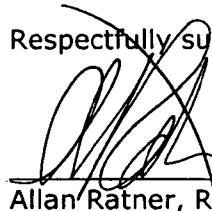
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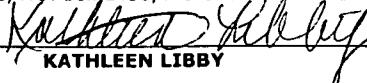
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